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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO.
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP99/02398

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
10 MAY 1999

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
13 MAY 1998

TITLE OF INVENTION: MATERIAL FOR SOLID POLYELECTROLYTE SUITABLE FOR USE IN FUEL CELL

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Takayuki ARAKI et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- ☒ 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Art. 22 and 39(1).
- ☒ 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- ☒ 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - ☐ a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - ☒ b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ 6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- ☒ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3))
 - ☐ a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments had NOT expired.
 - ☒ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☒ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ☐ 10. A translation of the annexes to the Int'l Prelim. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☐ 11. An **Information Disclosure Statement** under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☒ 12. An **Assignment** document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☐ 13. A **First preliminary amendment**.
- ☐ A Second or subsequent preliminary amendment.
- ☐ 14. A substitute specification.
- ☐ 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- ☐ 16. Other items or information:

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- ☐ A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 17(c).

Date: 13 November 2000

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